

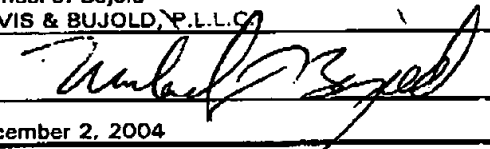
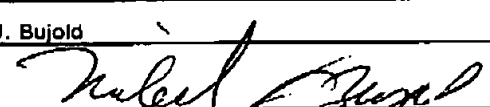
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated November 18, 2004, please enter the following additional election.

Reconsideration of the raised requirement for election of species is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant believes that the present invention contains various embodiments of a single inventive concept. All twenty one species contain the features presently recited in claim 1. Moreover, the Applicant believes that claim 1 is allowable and consequently all species of the invention should be prosecuted in one and the same application for efficiency reasons. It is respectfully submitted that all of the species of the invention represent similar ways of obtaining the same desired results disclosed within this application.

Notwithstanding the above, in order to fulfill the Examiner's request, the Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute species VI of the claimed invention shown in Figures 7 and 7A of the drawings. The Applicant also provisionally elects, with traverse, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 20 which are readable on the elected species to be prosecuted on the merits.

The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. If the Examiner makes the election requirement final, the Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species be withdrawn from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).